

WE LIVE TO PLEASE.

The measure of life being but a span,
We should enjoy it while we can;
To accomplish this no better way
Than live with all in harmony.

Each should endeavor each to please,
Which can be done with greatest ease.
It only needs to lay aside
Self, that would our reason guide.

To please has been our life's desire;
We toil for it, but never tire;
And passing years suggest new ways
By which we may the people please.

For our last effort in this way,
Permit us here a word to say,
And introduce you, if you choose,
To our unequalled stock of shoes.

There's nothing like it in the land,
And prices what the times demand,
Besides in comfort, ease and wear,
You'll find perfection every pair.

A. LYNCH.

TO ADMIRERS OF FINE HORSES.

My Fine Bred Trotting Stallion,

BROWN ERICSSON

Will make the season of 1887 as follows:

On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at my barn in Ottawa, Ill.
On Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at Clifton Hotel Barn, Ottawa, Ill.

TERMS, \$20 TO INSURE.

H. S. GILBERT, adf-31008.

LIVERY AND FEED STABLE AND HACK LINE.

150. TELEPHONE. 160.

PETER EGAN

Would respectfully announce to the citizens of Ottawa and vicinity that he has one of the choicest Livery Stables in the city, at the City Stables, such as

The Latest Styles of Hacks, Carriages and Buggies,

To let at prices to suit the times. Parties, Weddings, Funerals, Picnics, &c., supplied with Good Horses on short notice. Funerals in the country or adjoining towns promptly attended to. Persons taken to or from the depot, or to the country, night or day.
Remember the place—On Madison street, east of Alcott, one block west of new court house.
OTTAWA, Feb. 9, 1884. PETER EGAN.

NEW SPRING STOCK

NOW ARRIVING AT H. J. GILLEN'S.

Special Attractions

IN Table Linens, Towelings, and all Linen Goods, ALSO Prints and Other Spring Dress Goods.

NEW CARPETS

Now Arriving Daily, which are of the Choicest Fabrics and Designs. Don't fail to see them, for the styles this season are extra choice and attractive.

PRICES LOW And Satisfaction Guaranteed. H. J. GILLEN.

The Boom Continues.

In all Ottawa history there never has been a house more successful than that of H. J. Gillen's, and the opening of a new season always comes with a "boom" there; but this year the "boom" has been greater than ever before in every way. There has been in the town no furor in the market, so there must be other reasons for the rush at Gillen's than general good trade. The secret is doubtless the fact that the stock in every department has been greater than usual, and that prices have been lower than had been expected from the general run of prices over the town. These facts probably account for the "boom" there—they usually do make "booms" in retail stores; and the "boom" assuredly emphasizes the statement that those facts are true. To all buyers of spring or summer silks, dress goods, seasonable dry goods, carpets and housekeeping goods, boots and shoes, &c., &c., this house offers inducements that will convince any buyer that under the circumstances the house could not avoid a "boom" even if they wished to. Come and see.

Hurry up boys and get one of those fine straw hats for 25cts, at Oak Hall. They are going like hot cakes.

Church Notices.

Services will be held in the various churches of Ottawa as follows:

First Methodist church, Rev. D. J. Holmes, pastor. Services morning and evening as usual. Sunday school at noon.

First Congregational church, Rev. W. F. Day, pastor. Preaching by the pastor morning and evening; Sunday school at noon; young people's society of Christian endeavor at 7 p. m.

St. Columba church, Rev. James Ryan, pastor. Low mass at 7 a. m., mass for children at 8:30, and high mass, with sermon at 10:30; Sunday school at 2 and vespers and benediction at 3:30 p. m.

Services at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath at the usual hour—11 a. m. The pastor will preach on "Friendly Relations to Christ." The Sunday school precedes the morning service.

Episcopal church, Rev. N. W. Heermans, pastor. Services as usual at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The public are cordially invited to attend.

N. B.—Any churches whose notices are not on this list will confer a favor upon the FREE TRADER by sending us a postal announcing what their services will be.

Prices that Will Interest You.

J. E. Scott & Co. will place on sale to day a large line of tapestry. Brussels carpets, 47 1/2 to 87 1/2; several pieces choice ingrain carpets made at 75c; 1250 yards heavy ingrain carpets at 50c per yard.

Window shades 50c to \$1. Lace curtains 25 to 50c per yard, very nice.

Short lengths of carpets, from 5 to 15 yards, to be closed out at a great bargain.

If you need anything in the carpet line it will pay you to see J. E. Scott & Co.'s stock.

Kid gloves, all new. J. E. Scott & Co.

MIKADO ROLLS for the hair—the latest. At HULL'S.

The school directors will meet next Monday evening to announce the committees and appoint the superintendent of the city schools.

Dress suits, tailor made, fine material, first class fitting garments at Oak Hall.

The best and cheapest hose in the city at J. E. Scott & Co's.

The board of town auditors met yesterday afternoon, and the principal question discussed was the question of the salary of the town clerk. It seems that the statute provides that the town clerk shall receive his pay in fees, but the board of auditors has been in the habit of voting him a salary, considering the fees too small pay. The new supervisor, Mr. W. J. Dwyer, has raised a disturbance about this matter from a legal standpoint, and the matter was referred to a committee. At the meeting yesterday afternoon this committee reported, recommending that the clerk's salary be continued, and the board so voted. A committee was appointed, however, as a safety precaution, to wait upon the States Attorney and get his opinion upon the question in its legal aspects. A special election will be called for May 21st to elect a justice of the peace to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Esquire A. B. Smith.

Mr. D. O. Loy, patentee of a new paving block, was in the city yesterday, making arrangements with Mr. C. B. Hess for testing Ottawa clays for use in manufacturing his blocks. It is not improbable that if the clays prove satisfactory (and we have not the slightest doubt they will), Mr. Loy and those associated with him will erect a factory here, which in time will assuredly become a very large concern, for the demands of the future are certain to be enormous for a good material.

Get your fine pants, equal to custom made, and warranted to fit, at Oak Hall.

A pleasant surprise party was that at the residence of Mr. Michael Curtin last Monday evening. He had just finished an addition to his house, and his friends came to assist him in dedicating it. They brought music and refreshments, and the time passed very pleasantly till a late hour.

License Row at Seneca.

Seneca is in a state of violent ebullition; it is "billa beautiful," as the old woman said about her soap. The cause whereof is this: At the recent village election the status of the board was so changed as to make it half for high license, \$1,000 and upwards to an amount which would be equivalent to total prohibition, and the other half is for low license (\$500). Seneca has a vigilant temperance element—a circle of positive, dogmatic, uncompromising anti-saloons. The modern temperance advocate is a very progressive individual. He starts with the moral idea that strong drink is an evil; next he gets a notch further and considers it an offense to good society; then he views it as a crime. He begins by moral suasion on the drinkers, tries high license on the saloon and ends in total prohibition of the manufacturing of spirits, beer and wine. Some of the Seneca prohibitionists are also Greenbackers, and every one knows what a fearfully aggressive animal a Greenbacker is! But when to the windy Greenback statesman is added the mighty moral question of prohibition as to strong drink, you have a sort of individual cyclone that goes on in tremendous gyrations, conquering and to conquer all that is out. This was the faction which carried the late election at Seneca, and now the saloonists and their friends are in the cave of caves of gloom, for the high license men will not grant permits to sell liquors stronger than water for less than \$1,000 to \$2,000 per annum. Their motto is "high license or no license!" On the other hand the other trustees say, "low license (\$500) or no license," and between the two factions the seven saloons of Seneca—between these two mill stones—are liable to be pulverized exceedingly fine, and put an end to next Monday, when their present licenses will expire. Three able bodied lawyers of Ottawa have been consulted in the premises, who unanimously agree that if the Seneca village board fail to agree by that date, the Seneca saloons must close. BEEKES.

FOUND.—A lady's hand-satchel, on La Salle street, last week. Owner can obtain same at Wilson's photograph gallery by proving property and paying for this notice.

The spring stock of clothing at the pioneer clothing house of A. Alschuler is now all in, and a more complete line of clothing can not be found in the country. These goods were all selected and manufactured exclusively for Alschuler, and the patronizing public are certainly aware of Alschuler's experience and knowledge of what is best in clothing. He never parades his increase of business, but ever moves on in the way prosperous merchants go, is satisfied with small profits, and is one of the happiest men when he can please and give his customers satisfaction. We call upon you to accept his standing invitation to come and examine his immense stock in all entirety, from a suit of clothes in any of the fashionable makes and cuts to a hand-satchel. Every department, which comprises shirts, trunks and valises, gents' furnishing goods, straw hats, children's knee pants and men's and boy's clothing, is crowded with fresh goods.

The popular Pomeroy suit are still "holding the fort" at Alschuler's and will continue to do so, as there is nothing that looks better or outwears these suits. They make the best every-day suit that we know of.

We nearly forgot to mention the Newburgh overall that beats them all. A farmer out south was complaining this week that his overalls were ripped. We can only say that if he will try the Newburgh overalls they will not rip.

Silk gloves at a bargain. J. E. Scott & Co.

A meeting will be held next Tuesday evening at the court house, to make the necessary arrangements for the observance of Decoration Day in Ottawa. New officers of the Decoration Association will also be elected. This meeting was first appointed for Monday evening and has been so announced, but word was received by us yesterday that the date has been changed. It is Tuesday not Monday.

Spring is here and so is Stiefel's big spring stock of tailor-made suits. Tailor-made suits, all wool and warranted fast colors, at \$10 and \$15, and the best goods you have seen at \$18. Call and see our tailor-made spring overcoats and suits and save money. M. STIEFEL.

The Young Peoples' Association of the Baptist church held its regular monthly meeting at the residence of the Rev. G. Frederick last Thursday evening. After the business meeting there was a discussion, conducted by the pastor, and illustrated with the many pictures he collected while abroad.

Parasols—best stock in town. J. E. Scott & Co.

Judge and Mrs. Caton are expected home from California today, when at the Judge's request, there will be a reunion of the family, at which all the children and grand children will be present. It will take place at the rebuilt homestead, on the north bluff. It is now 45 years since Judge Caton came to Ottawa. Their old friends will heartily welcome them home, and are glad to know that at last reports the health of Mr. and Mrs. Caton was excellent.

Too Bad, We Apologize.

Our trade is so large and prices so low that frequently we find our salesmen so busy that customers are obliged to wait, to be waited on. But, if possible, hereafter we will try to overcome this difficulty.

FISKE & BEEM, One price clothiers.

Children's Waists.

Children's short pants separate from the suits.

Children's neckties. Children's and boys' suits, at Fiske & Beem's.

Big Stock of Men's Clothing.

See Fiske & Beem's new spring stock. Simply wonderful. Prices away down, and for style we are to the front.

FISKE & BEEM.

That's What They All Say.

"Where did you get that late style hat?" "At Fiske & Beem's." "That's what they all say."

Elegant new style hats at Fiske & Beem's. If you want the correct style hat call at Fiske & Beem's. Largest stock. Lowest prices. Away down at Fiske & Beem's.

Boy's and Children's Clothing

A guaranteed hat. Try one.

Fiske & Beem Sell Them!

A guaranteed hat. Try one.

Twenty-one Years a Minister.

Tomorrow, Sunday, the first of May, is the twenty-first anniversary of Rev. Warren F. Day's ordination as a minister. Mr. Day's pastorate of the First Congregational Church of Ottawa has been so successful that his congregation, and many friends besides, will be pleased to read a short sketch of his twenty-one years of religious usefulness. Mr. Day graduated from the Chicago Theological Seminary (Union Park) the latter part of April, 1866. He had, previous to that time, preached at Bloomingdale for one year and upon his ordination assumed charge of the Congregational church at Bloomingdale as pastor. He was at Bloomingdale three years in all, remaining two years as pastor. He then accepted a call to Galesburg, Mich., and remained there five years. From Galesburg he went to Union City, Wis. there four years, and after that at East Saginaw for five years. At this time, in 1882, he went abroad and traveled one year, visiting nearly all parts of Europe and Asia. Upon his return to America he accepted the call to Ottawa, where he has remained for the past four years. Mr. Day's pastorate here has been highly successful, and he has succeeded not only in making himself very popular with his people, but has added not a few to his congregation by his energetic work and able preaching. During Mr. Day's residence here the Congregational church has flourished; and from the addition in members they have prospered financially. The society has purchased a fine parsonage, the last of the debt on it has just been paid, and the church is out of debt. The property additions recently made are valued at about \$10,000. The congratulations and best wishes of hosts of friends will reach Mr. Day upon this auspicious occasion, in which best wishes the FREE TRADER joins and hopes that Mr. Day may see twenty-one years more of health and strength and usefulness.

Mothers will save time and money by buying at Stiefel's when in want of boys' and children's clothing. All the spring styles are to be seen at prices to suit the times.

When others quote low prices on shoes, just remember that we wish to be heard from before you buy. J. MEGAFFIN.

The amount of grain and flour transferred from the C. B. & Q. to the C. I. road at Streator has decreased from 100 cars daily in the winter months to about 10; which falling of the local papers attribute to the opening of water transportation via the lakes.

Best 50-c. white shirts at Oak Hall.

WANTED.—For millinery, persons of experience or apprentice girls. Apply at the Nine Cent Store.

Amusements.

The Stuart Company have been filling a very successful week at the Opera House, giving excellent satisfaction in a fine repertoire of plays. Tonight they will present the "Ticket of Leave Man," and at a matinee this afternoon "The Gold King."

On Tuesday evening, May 3rd, the Opera House will be occupied by the tragedian, Geo. C. Milin, in Bulwer Lytton's great play of "Richelieu."

Mr. Milin is to be congratulated on the success which is attending his professional career. He has met obstacles such as few have to meet, but he has manfully surmounted them and resolutely won his way up, in spite of opposition. He has dramatic talent of a high order, and the power and purpose to accomplish the best results. He is doing better work now than ever before, and in the short time he has been upon the stage he has reached a position which few have been able to attain, even after a lifetime's effort. His Richelieu is a scholarly treat which every lover of good acting could enjoy. With the improvement that Mr. Milin is already making, it is only a question of a short time when he will hold the first honors among American tragedians.

Seas will be placed on sale at Simon's music store on Monday morning.

GREAT SALE NOT OF THE LOTS

Of the Ottawa Improvement Co.; but, on Friday, May 6th, 1887, we will offer a special BARGAIN in SOAP. 4 1/2c per cake. The best and largest cake you ever used.

With every One Dollar's worth of Soap a sample package of the best Flour in the city.

W. C. RIALE & CO., BARGAIN GROCERS.

Two More Grand Excursions to California.

First one Wednesday, May 4th, 1887, second Wednesday, May 18th. \$60.00 round trip from Council Bluffs, Omaha or Kansas City, via Union Pacific, Denver and Salt Lake City to San Francisco or Los Angeles and return—good for six months—can stop over at will returning. One way tickets at very low rates to San Francisco, Los Angeles, California and Portland, Oregon, and intermediate points. Tickets at correspondingly low rates from all coupon ticket points in Illinois. For maps, folders, pamphlets and other information, call on or address S. M. Knox, Princeton, Illinois, Land and Passenger Agent, U. P. Ry.

M. Stiefel would say to the working men that his home-made shirts, kersey pants, overalls and jeans pants are the best made. Every pair warranted to wear well and not to rip. Try a pair and you will have no other. M. STIEFEL, White Corner.

MARRIED.—By Rev. Keller, at South Bend, Ind., at two o'clock p. m., Saturday, April 23, Miss EMMA PERKINS to Mr. A. J. WILLIAMSON, of this city.

Mr. Williamson has been a well known resident of Ottawa for many years, and stands deservedly high, both as a lawyer, citizen and neighbor; but he had been considered so firmly rooted to bachelorhood that when he left the other day for South Bend, precious few of us ever dreamed of such a mission. Nevertheless, "Al" is such a good fellow generally that his friends will be pleased to know of this result of his little trip, and heartily welcome his bride to Ottawa, and wish them all happiness and worldly success and good fortune.

The marriage of Miss Eva Meckel to Henry J. Dawell took place on Thursday afternoon last at the residence of the bride, on the Ridge, Rev. Holmes officiating. The groom is one of the promising young men of the city, son of W. J. Dawell, Esq., and holds a position with the Victor mill people; and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Meckel, a young lady of the sort that make men good wives. The young man is decidedly a lucky fellow. There were a number of friends both from this city and abroad present, and a very pleasant wedding was resulted. The young people left at 3:35 for a short wedding journey, followed by the good wishes of many friends.

Choice millinery—all new. J. E. Scott & Co.

Mothers should buy knee pants at Oak Hall. Large assortment and low prices.

Hand turned shoes a specialty at J. MEGAFFIN'S.

There will be a cake sale at the Congregational church, in the basement, Saturday, May 7, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Everybody is invited. Special orders for cake may be left with Mrs. J. R. Cameron.

Our \$2 shoes for men's wear still takes the lead. J. MEGAFFIN.

Marselles is again in the midst of a license or no license contest. At the late election the prohibitionists made the issue and were fairly defeated by 35 majority; nevertheless the board of trustees stand three for and three against license. The no license party, therefore, taking advantage of the situation, is endeavoring to prevent the issuance of licenses. And the war waxes hot.

Look in at Oak Hall and see the new styles. Light colored, stiff hats just opened.

Pete Wenat, since his return to Streator, has been distributing to his friends specimens of his handiwork while at the Juliet prison in the way of paper weights of black Vermont marble; and little books of leaves of Tennessee, Italian and Vermont marble, with black covers, &c.

One of the saddest deaths that has come to our notice for some time was that of Patrick Maher, last Wednesday evening. Deceased was fifty-one years of age and leaves nine children. He has for a long time been employed in the glass works. He was taken sick only last week Friday, and died Wednesday following. His wife died some two years ago and his death is indeed a sad blow to the household.

Miss Lizzie Thornton, living north of Streator, attempted suicide on Wednesday by taking laudanum; cause, despondency and objection to parental restraint. Her life was saved.

At 75 Cts.

MADE UP

For a Big Lot of Extra Super Ingrain

CARPETS

Of the BEST Quality, that we wish to close out immediately.

Remember, they are the best goods, and we have 10 to 15 different Patterns, and they won't last long.

At 75 Cts.

Wall Paper.

We have heretofore mentioned that Hapeman & Graham's was the place to get wall paper. We might add that the firm's selections evidence most excellent taste and judgment, as they exhibit this year probably the most elaborate and elegant designs ever shown in Ottawa. Their stock is also the largest, and you can rely upon getting just what you want in the line of wall papers at Hapeman & Graham's.

Go to H. C. Strawn for self adjustable screens.

A new lot of very handsome chromes have just been received at Hapeman & Graham's.

Fine Stallions.

W. J. Neely has at his place in Ottawa six fine, standard-bred stallions and one pacing stallion: Byron, record 2:25 1/4; Ottawa Chief, 2:25; Neal, Woodbury, Byron Pilot, Muscatelle. It will pay you to go and see them.

Charles M. Smith, of Earlville, sends us a neat catalogue of the "Excelsior Breeding Stables," trotting stock owned by him at Earlville, in which we find the following animals: Alroy, 5:15; Neatwood, 3:65, stallions in use; and the brood mares, Anthem, Fugalia, Jayette Wilkes, Rightaway, Old Nettie, Althorn, Odolette, all standards, and Allworth and Alrare. This is a fine stable of animals—another of the many first-class breeding stables that is fast bringing La Salle county to the front rank as a county breeding fast horses.

Mr. John Hoffman, a farmer in Grand Rapids tp., died very suddenly last Monday. He arose early and went to the barn. Failing to return, search was made for him and he was found in the barn dead. Coroner Clendenin of this place was summoned, and a jury returned a verdict of death from congestion of the brain.

The third annual meeting of the La Salle County Medical Society will be held at the Clifton House, in this city, May 10th, 1887. The first session will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. All members of the Society are earnestly urged to be present and contribute all they can to make it an interesting and successful meeting.

Do you know that J. E. Scott & Co. have the nicest shoe department in Ottawa? And if you want anything in ladies' and children's shoes you can do the best here.

A. T. Bartells, one of the alleged boddlers of La Salle county, is hunting for stray fees in the books of the Probate Court, and thinks that when he gets through accounts will pretty nearly balance.

Several of the sporting fraternity of Ottawa made a pilgrimage to Rock Island last Saturday to settle a "chicken dispute." Now, of course, we don't approve of this sort of "innocent amusement" but if chickens must be fought, it is just as well to know that Ottawa came out ahead on the odd battle, and captured the shanks of the unwary Rock Islanders; as was the case on this occasion.